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Birthday
Book

"Birthday blessings, fullest, sweetest, Fall on thee to-day!"

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HAVE no birthday gift to bring,
But I will crave a royal dower,
The sevenfold largess of the King.

His Peace be thine, His Love unknown;
His own deep joy, His Strength and Power,
His Grace abounding, be thine own.

His rest be thine, sweet rest to-day.

Rest while the swift years pass away.

And then His Glory thine for aye!

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A Happy New Year! Oh such may it be! Joyously, surely, and fully for thee! Fear not and faint not, but be of good cheer, And trustfully enter thy Happy New Year!

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Speak to me by name, O Master.
Let me know it is to me,
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock,
In the shadow of the Rock.

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He comes to the soul in its sin-wrought tomb, And rent on the chains of death! Then His own sweet graces awake and bloom Beneath His living breath.

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Where, where are all God's lessons, His teachings dark or bright? Not lost! but only hidden, Till, in eternal light, We see, while at His feet we fall, The reasons and results of all.

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A radiant, fadeless Eden flower,
Upfolding in loveliness hour by hour,
Like a wing-veiled seraph's face;—
Such be the opening year to thee,
Shrouded though all its moments be,
Unknown as the bounds of space.

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Oh for a "desert place" with only the Master's smile!
Oh for the "coming apart" with only His "rest awhile!

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Yes, I will leave it all with Thee. And only ask that I may be Submissive to Thy loving will, Confiding, waiting, trusting still.

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"Who went about doing good."
Do our steps correspond with that?

What treasures we miss every time we read His word.

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"As thy day thy strength shall be!"
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He who knows thy frame will spare
Burdens more than thou canst bear.

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Leave behind the doubting spirit,
And thy crushing load of sin;
By thy mighty Saviour's merit,
Life eternal thou shalt win.

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The Lord's remedies do not have fair play, when we set ourselves against them. Even Omnipotence waits for the faith that will let it act.

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The star of Bethlehem to-day Shines brightly on our wintry way;



'Neath shadowing banner of His love unfurled, We bend to kiss the Master's pierced feet; Then lean our love upon His loving breast, And know God's rest.

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Our plans may be disjointed, But we may calmly rest; What God has once appointed Is better than our best.

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Whatever may be our Father's mysterious dealings, let us give the one sweet answer, which meets everything: "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight."

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"Thy claim to rest on Jesus' breast All weariness shall be, And pain thy portal to His heart Of boundless sympathy."

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Leave behind Earth's empty pleasure, Fleeting hope and changeful love; Leave its soon-corroding treasure: There are better things above.

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An echo of Heaven's unceasing praise, A mirror here of His light and love, And a polished gem in His crown above. Such would I be, Thine, O Saviour, and one with Thee!

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The white flowers, freed
From snowy sepulchres, may speak
In angel-tone to thee,—
"O fear not ye!
The Saviour whom ye seek
Is risen indeed!"

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On every budding leaf and flower, The sweet, soft rain of spring Comes down in a soft and gentle shower, Like a whispering angel-wing.

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Look to Him who ever liveth,
Interceding for his own:
Seek, yea, claim the grace He giveth
Freely from His priestly throne.
Will He not thy strength renew
With His Spirit's quickening dew?

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Think of "the things that He suffered," just that He might personally know our little sorrows, and enter into our sufferings, and succor us in them with His own mighty help!

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Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased thine alone to be,
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me;
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

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"Oh! take the heart I could not give
Without Thy strength-bestowing call;
In Thee, and for Thee, let me live,
For I am nothing, Thou art all."

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FEAR not the westering shadows,

O children of the day!

For brighter still and brighter

Shall be your homeward way.

Resplendent as the morning.

With fuller glow and power

And clearer than

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O haste, O haste to the fields away!.

For dawneth now the month of May;
O leave the city's crowded street,

And haste ye now sweet May to greet.

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Will you not come to Him for ALL?
Will you not "taste and see?"
He waits to give it all to you,
The gifts are free, the words are true!
Jesus is calling, "Come unto ME!"

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Prayer must be based upon promise, but thank God, His promises are always broader than our prayers.

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Nothing to pay! Ah, nothing to pay!

Never a word of excuse to say!

Year after year thou hast filled the score,

Owing thy Lord still more and more.

Hear the voice of Jesus say,

"Verily thou hast nothing to pay!"

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Begin at once! In the strength of God, For that will never fail you! Under His banner, bright and broad, You shall be safe from fear and fraud, And from all that can assail you.

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The Master hath said it! Rejoicing in this, We ask not for sign or for token; His word is enough for our confident bliss,— "The Scripture cannot be broken!"

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By Him "LIFE'S MORNING" lovelit be, Who loved, and lived and died for thee: So shall thy NOONTIDE never know Earth's burning thirst, or withering glow: And thou shalt fear no gathering night: At EVENTIDE it shall be light

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Oh to be pearer Thee, my Saviour,
Oh to be filled with Thy sweet grace,
Oh to abide in Thine own favor,
Oh to behold Thy glorlous face.

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Only wait and trust Him
Just a little while:
After evening tear-drops
Shall come the morning smile

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Father, send the glorious hour, Every heart be Thine alone! For the kingdom and the power, And the glory are Thine own.

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Yes, I will leave it all with Thee.
And only ask that I may be
Submissive to Thy loving will,
Confiding, waiting, trusting still,
Thou every fond desire doth know
Which in my inmost heart doth glow.

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Let Thy Kingdom come, we pray Thee Let the world in Thee find rest; Let all know Thee, and obey Thee, Loving, praising, blessing, blessed!

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In Thee I trust, on Thee I rest.
O Saviour dear, Redeemer blest!
No earthly friend, no brother knows
My weariness, my wants, my woes.
On Thee I call
Who knowest all.

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Listen! for the Lord hath spoken!
"Fear thou not," saith He;
"When thou passest through the waters,
I will be with thee."

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My life I bring to Thee,
I would not be my own;
O Saviour, let me be
Thine ever, Thine alone.
My heart, my life, my all I bring
To Thee, my Saviour, and my King!

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Grave on thy heart each past "red-letter day!" Forget not all the sunshine of the way By which the Lord hath led thee: answered prayers And joys unasked; strange blessings, lifted cares.

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Oh, let thy life be given,
Thy years for Him be spent,
World fetters all be riven,
And joy with suffering blent;
I gave Myself for thee:
Give thou thyself to Me.

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Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end! Let me iove Thee more and more, Always better than before!

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THE sweetest music here

Calls forth the quiet tear,

For grief and gladness flow in blended stream:

Oh for the joyous day,

(Can it be far away?)

When one great Alleluia

song shall chase

Life's tuneless dream!



Thanks, more than thanks, to Him ascend,
Who died to win
Our life, and every trophy rend
From Death and sin;
Till when the thanks of Earth shall end,
The thanks of Heaven begin.

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"Jesus only!" In the shadow
Of the cloud so chill and dim,
We are clinging, loving, trusting,
He with us, and we with Him;
All unseen, though ever nigh,
"Jesus only"—all our cry.

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O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where: Until Thy blessed Face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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From the great anthems of the Crystal Sea,
Through the far vistas of Eternity,
Grand echoes of the word peal on for thee,
Sweetest and fullest: "Most blessed forever!

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Take all Thy vessels, O glorious Finer, Purge all the dross, that each chalice may be Pure in Thy pattern, complete diviner, Filled with Thy glory and shining for Thee.

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Thanks for Thine own thrice-blessed Word,
And Sabbath rest;
Thanks for the hope of glory stored
In mansions blest;
Thanks for the Spirit's comfort poured
Into the trembling breast.

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How real Thy mercy and Thy might! How real Thy love, how real Thy light! How real Thy truth and faithfulness! How real Thy blessing when Thou dost bless!

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Hitherto the Lord hath helped us, Guiding all the way; Henceforth let us trust Him fully, Trust Him all the day.

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Only for Jesus! Lord keep it forever
Sealed on the heart and engraved on the life!
Pulse of all gladness and nerve of endeavor,
Secret of rest, and strength of our strife.

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Every little flower that grows, Every little grassy blade, Every little dewdrop shows Jesus cares for all He made: Jesus loves, and Jesus knows! So you need not be afraid!

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Thou layest Thy hand on the fluttering heart,
And sayest, "Be still!"

The silence and shadow are only a part Of Thy sweet will.

Thy Presence is with me, and where Thou art I fear no ill.

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Gazing down the far forever,
Brighter grows the one sweet name.
Steadfast radiance, paling never,
Jesus, Jesus! still The Same.
Evermore "Thou shalt endure!"
Our own Saviour, strong and sure!"

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Not a cloud and not a shadow,
Not a mist and not a tear,
Not a sin and not a sorrow,
Not a dim and veiled to-morrow,
For that suprise grand and clear.

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Increase our faith, O Saviour dear, By Thy sweet sovereign grace, Till, changing faith for vision clear, We see Thee face to face!

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The fullest gift, O Lord,
Now at Thy feet I claim,
Through Thy dear name!
And touch the rapturous chord
Of praise forth poured.

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"I am with thee!" He hath said it In His truth and tender grace; Sealed the promise grandly spoken, With how many a mighty token Of His love and faithfulness.

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Distrust thyself, but trust alone In Him, for all—forever! And joyously thy heart shall own That Jesus faileth pever.

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Not till we are in Heaven, shall we know the full meaning of "Thy gentleness hath made me great." How infinitely blessed it is to be entirely Christ's.

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For the weariest day
May Christ be thy stay!
For the darkest night
May Christ be thy light!
For the weakest hour
May Christ be Thy power!
For each moment's fall
May Christ be thy all!

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He leadeth me, softly and safely, step by step, till the desert journey is over and the Father's home reached.

Lord be Thou my King this day.

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Precious, precious blood of Jesus, Shed on Calvary; Shed for rebels, shed for sinners, Shed for me.

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Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only ALL for Thee.

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Then trust Him for to-day
As thine unfailing Friend,
And let Him lead thee all the way,
Who loveth to the end.

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There is no room for looking at self and difficulties and troubles and fears, when there is a gush of prayer summed up in "Father, glorify Thy Son!"

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But the song of Christmas day Echoes from the Judean hill.

Ever clearer, louder still.

Oh, may its holy,

Make all thy life
a Christmas-time!



The morning light flingeth Its wakening ray, And as the day bringeth The work of the day, The happy heart singeth; Awake and away!

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Unto him that hath, Thou givest
Ever "More abundantly."
Lord, I live because Thou livest,
Therefore give more life to me;
Therefore speed me in the race;
Therefore let me grow in grace

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Thou only art the changeless Friend, On whom for aye we may depend: In life, in death, alike we flee, O Saviour of the world, to THEE.

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What is ever fresher than the old, old story, when any part of it is heard with the ear of faith? And our response is, "Jesus died for ME!"

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Bright be thy Christmas tide!
Carol it far and wide,
Jesus, the King and the Saviour, is come!
Jesus thy guest will be;
Oh, let him dwell with thee!
Open thy heart for this palace and home.

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New mercies, new blessings, new light on the way; New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;

New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight, New praise in the morning, new songs in the night.

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PWARD, still upward, thy pathway be. Into the sunshine grand and free; Leaving the mists and clouds below, Gaining the pure and stainless snow. Upward, still upward! Thy faithful Guide Always close at His pilgrim's side, Leading thee on from height to height, Nearer and nearer the stars of light.

Tune for thyself the music of my days.

And open Thou my lips that I may show Thy praise.

May the tale the years are telling, Always be Like an angel-anthem swelling Through thy spirit's quiet dwelling, Till the glory all-excelling Dawns for thee!

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Many and happy thy birthdays be!
In the light of Heaven arrayed,
With the rainbow arching every cloud
When the pathway lies in shade;
And full and far may the blessing flow,
That thy future life is made.

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"Jesus only!" In the glory,
When the shadows all are flown,
Seeing Him in all His beauty,
Satisfied with Him alone;
May we join His ransomed throng,
"Jesus only"—all our song!

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When work is delight;
Though evening be weary,
Rest cometh at night;
And all will be cheery,
If faithful and right.

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Complete in Him our glorious Head, With Jesus raised from the dead, And by His mighty spirit led! O blessed Lord, is this for me? Then let my whole life henceforth be One Allelulia-song to Thee!

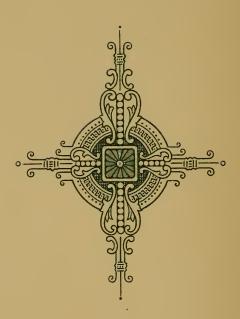
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Joined to Christ in mystic union,
We Thy members, Thou our Head.
Sealed by deep and true communion,
Risen with Thee, who once was dead—
Saviour we would humbly claim
All the power of this Thy name.

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And if it seemeth good to Thee, my Father, Shall it seem aught but good to me? Thy will be done! Thou knowest I would rather Leave all with Thee.

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